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Examiner: Sumesh Kashal, Ph.D.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the first Action on the merits of this CPA application, dated April 25, 2001, for which a response is due July 25, 2001. Enclosed is a Petition for a three-month extension of time, along with authorization to charge the extension fee to the Deposit Account. Upon granting the Petition, the deadline for responding is October 25, 2001. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Careful consideration has been given to the analysis made by the Examiner in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.